# FOOTBALL \* BASEBALL COMMENT \* BATTING AVERAGES \* JEFFRIES IN TRAINING.

### PIRATES TOWER FAR ABOVE NEAREST RIVAL.

No Other Team Appears to Have a Show for the Pennant-Brooklyn Has Caught a Crab and Philadelphia Is Not Progressing to Any Alarming Extent-St. Louis Hopelessly in the Rear, but Will Hardly Drop Lower Than Fourth Place.

As was predicted, the past week was a rtant one for those National League clubs which have had the pennant bee buzzing in their bonnets. The campaign of the Western teams in the East was opened, and at the end of six days' fighting alt hands concede that Pittsburg is an easy favorite for first honors. The Pirates have now piled up such a lead that nothing short of a complete relapse can beat them out of the bunting, and it is doubtful if either Philadelphia or Brooklyn could even ten pull down Clarke's men from their lefty pinnacle, the way these two teams have been breaking lately. The Pirates have had a triumphant march thus far and have swept up everything in sight. To be sure they have encountered the two weaker Teams of the Eastern division, but victories Fover these teams count for just as much in the percentage column as any other. This week Clarke and his men will meet formen more worthy of their steel in the break is the least Clarke looks for, and at all events he will return to the Smoky City with enough scalps in his belt to insure the pennant. In turn each of the four Eastern clubs will beard the Pirates in their den, and with the advantage of home grounds the latter aggregation should have no trouble in upholding its standard. For businesslike, snappy and strictly up to date ball playing, the performances of the Smokeville bunch during the past week certainly take the prize. Five double-headers should be enough to tire any team, but the Pittsburg athletes seem as fresh eas ever, and are clamoring for more gore

Whatever hopes St. Louis had of finishing in the top notch were destroyed some time ago, and the boom for second place now seems to be effectually punctured. Hereto-fore, during the present season, the Donovanites have proved a good road team—in fact, the first long trip East resulted in victories enough to give them a good foothold under the leaders. From the time of their return to native soil from the conquests of Eastern division aggregations may be dated their downfall. Gradually they slipped from closs provingity with they slipped from close proximity with the leaders, now reviving and regaining ground and then taking a slump. The slumps soon began to come with alarming frequency, and from each succeeding one it seemed harder to recover. Chicago and Cincinnati, stepping stones to higher things for other leams, came to League Park and pulled out teams, came to League Park and pulled out victories without much effort. Patched-up teams that could have been taken into

time Philadelphia elevated itself to secan ond place. Like a howlder at the top of
an incline, but a few steady pushes to
start a roll downward. Again Chieago came
and got away with more games than should
have been allowed. The Reds came on, and
three victories out of a possible four were
predicted. A series of harder fought games
were seldom seen on sny field. Archibald
Stimmel, a tall, lank youth, with a suggestion of new-mown hay about him, came
also. Stimmel had never won a game for
Cincinnati. He broke his hoodoo in a
twelve-inning game at the expense of the
focal team. Two days later the same
pitcher duplicated his previous performance
in another extra-inning game. Perceptible
signs of a slump in hitting then began to
fail him. Most of the games were close,
and nearly every one was lost through the
lack of strong work at the finish, a scarcity
of timely hits, or expensive errors. Brooklyn developed unexpected strength, and
crowded the Donovanites down to fourth
place. No further descent has yet been
made, for the reason, that Boston is also
leading a streaked existence. Hope was
expressed, and not without some foundation, that a series with the Eastern clubs
would act as an invigorating tonic on the
Cardinals. Instead, it has proven had medicine, and the team is taking almost daily
doses of it. The annexation of only one
kame from Brooklyn was a disappointment,
but not a blitter one. Two games lost to
the Selecites, however, is a hard pill to
swallow. Still, the blame for these games
cannot be specifically charged to any miaplays or lack of good play. The loss of
Thursday's game was simply one of the
forever occurring, and not always avoidable, uncertainties of the game.

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Three weeks ago paralysis at the bat was the principal cause of a string of defeats. Now it is a lack of twirling material. No sooner had some of the individual members of the team began to label the ball with the marks of extra-base raps than this or that plitcher got off in his feed. Sudhoff was not used in his regular turn for a long while because his presence on the field did not seem to inspire either the players or the fans with hopes of victory. The midget finally overcame his hoodoo, and in the last month has pitched more winning games than any other member of the twirling staff. Wicker was a dead one as far as taking his turn on the firing line went, although he proved handy on the field on a few occasions. Murphy carted a sore hand about as a result of attempting to scrape the tan off Jack O'Connor's cheek, and after a long rest did not strike his usual gait until a week ago. Jack Harper fell from his position as premier twirler of the League and has developed a "stitch" in his side which may keep him out of the game for a week or two. Powell remains steady, but has been unable to balance his victories with his defeats of late. Practically all the work has fallen on Powell, Sudhoff and Murphy. Experimenting with new material, however promising, is dangerous at this stage of the game, but it is being done through necessity, not choice.

teams, came to League Park and pulled out victories without much effort. Patched-up teams that could have been taken into camp by a good college team were presented with victories in profusion. The Reds and the Remnants were especially thus favored. The Pirates came on with visions of an easy winning, but as has only too seldom proved the case were met with determined opposition. The first tour of the Western towns of the circuit was attended with fair success, but the second was a heart breaker.

The disciples of Loftus lifted two scalps in as many games, and the Pirates showed but little mercy. Each team gave the Cardinals a boost downward, and about this

### CONNECTICUT LEAGUE PLAYERS TO FINISH SEASON WITH CINCINNATI.



The Cincinnati club, in order to make a strong finish, is reported to have signed several players of the Connecticut League. Pitchers Reisling and Mock of the Bristol club, of which Phil Corcoran, a bronier of team are reported to have signed with the Reds, but from the East it is denied that these three players have yet closed a deal with Ted Sullivan, who is acting the mid-

and is a steady pitcher and good fielder. Reisling's pitching average for the pres-ent season thus far is 73%, and Mock owns to .68%. Reisling is not a stranger to the West, having played football with the Ohlo Medical University. Two years ago he coached the football eleven of the Ohlo State University.

Cincinnati and remaining in seclusion at his hotel when the team left for the East. Donovan probably will come back with a new first-baseman.

"In the old days of the Reds." remarks a Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune writer, there was one man with the team who always had his eyes on the crops when the train, bearing the Cincinnatis from point to point, passed through an agricultural section. Harry Vaughn could tell the value of any crop that met his eye, and it kave him pleasure to point out the good fields and the bad ones, and give his reasons for his conclusions. This season the Reds again have an observer of meadows and pastures green in the person of Arches Stimmel, the tall twiler of the team. Stimmel's interest, however, has not the loves to gaze upon "cattle on the hoof," whereas Vaughn delighted in that which feeds the cuttle—human and dumb. During the winter months Stimmel is engaged in the cattle and butchering business with his brother. They make their headquarters at the little town of Woodsborough, Mid., where they buy and sell cattle, supplying the farmers and artisans in that vicinity with fresh beef, and also send some excilent mountain cattle into the Eastern cites—Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia. As soon as the season closes Archie will he himself back to Maryland, there to take up the lash and the ax for the bat and ball."

Doctor Hyatt, weather prophet, philosopher and baseball fan, thinks Eddie Mur-

quick without using any extra motions. The crowd guyed both Kelley and Daly. The crowd guyed both Kelley and Daly."

Before the Reds return home from their present Eastern trip, Billy Fox, the team's second baseman, will begin training for several sprinting events in which he will take part before winter sets, says Charley Zuber in the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. One of these matches probably will take place in Pittsburg, arrangements having been partly completed during the Reds' last visit to the Smoky City, for Fox to meet one of the cracks of that place. Several other races in the East are also being talked about, and Fox probably will be kept busy until the snow falls gathering in the shekels of those who think they are faster than he—or handing out some of his hard-earned cash to those who are.

"It will require considerable work for me to get into sprinting condition," says Fox, "and I will have to begin soon in order to be in the best possible condition to meet these engagements. I have done loo yards in 10 flat on several occasions and hopes to set into condition to repeat this performance this fall. Just at present I don't suppose I could do the distance in much under 12, but with training I will soon regain my sprinting form."

Among notable victories that Fox has to his credit are two over Barney Wefers, for several years the American champion.

The schedule of the St. Louis team for this week follows: At New York-Monday and Tuesday. At Philadelphia-Wednesday. Thursday and Friday.

#### PITTSBURG IS BASEBALL MAD.

Smokeville Fans Enthusiastic Over Work of the Pirates in the East.

BY F. B. McQUISTON. Pittsburg, Sept. 7 .- Events of the past win the pennant is in danger of being

On last Thursday evening, when Clarke's gang was winning the second game of the day from New York, the third doubleing of one miserable little single victory on Tuesday, traffic on Fifth avenue was suspended. Trolley cars came to a standstill and the police were powerless to move the great crowd which had gathered to get latest returns from the Avenue Theater and other resorts where plays were being re-

There has never been a time when Pittsburg had seemingly so good a chance to win the National League pennant as now, and Pittsburg is bearing out her record of being the greatest baseball town on earth by turning out on the street and yawping like Indians as the news of each successive victory comes floating in from the East. The average Pittsburg fan doesn't care who wins the pennant, so long as the word "Pittsburg" is across the top of the boys' shirts. Members and management of the present Pittsburg team may have been un-popular in the past, but just at present they are everything. They are winning and the hour grows late. Even Ely seems to have hour grows late. Even Easy seems to have been forgotten, for the time, in the general scramble to get a good place to shout from. Cold suppers, while not yet popular in Pittsburg, are becoming alarmingly fre-

quent.

It's not unlikely that the great winning to streak which the Pittsburg team seems to have struck on this Eastern trip, and which seems likely to carry it up within shooting distance of the pennant, is as much of a surprise to the players themselves as to their loyal friends left, which, it cannot be said that when the team went Part least Saturday telebrooks.

serves as to their loyal friends left schind, it cannot be said that when the team went East last Saturday night hope cut any alarming figure in their excess baggage. They didn't have much hope. Even Colonel Harry Pulliam, who has been known to hope two hours after a race was run, sent up the following shout of dismay as the train pulled into the East:

"It's a sure thing Pittsburg can't win the pennant for Pittsburg on the Pittsburg grounds. This week's work has shown us that. We must win the pennant in the East on this trip or not at all. We can't win games at home when we need them."

The grimace which accompanied this proposition showed that even hopeful Harry had but little idea that any great killing would be made in the East, and the fans, who know how hard Pulliam dies, fairly wept. Now they are dashing about the streets calling Pulliam names for scaring them.

Never was another city so childish when

## JEFFRIES DOING LIGHT WORK FOR COMING FIGHT.



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with Brooklyn. It is believed in Pittsburg that the feat of last season will be duplicated on this trip. Any way, Barney Dreyfuss is receiving bids by wire for the pennant pole. tousand more runs."
Without knowing it, the merchant had made the business hit of his life. He is now selling clothes by the wagon load and is rapidly becoming famous. He has promised to close the shop and take his clerks to the first ball game when Pitts clerks to the first ball game when Pittsburg returns.

Twice before has Pittsburg had a chance
to win the pennant, not so good as now,
perhaps, but they had a chance. Something
always happened, however, just as the
counting of chickens was on. In 1893, under
Buckenberger, the Pittsburgs were salling
along giving Boston the dust, when Louisville came for five games, three regular
events and two extra ones left over from
their last visit. Louisville had not won a
game in weeks and Buckenburger's boys
thought it a sin to jump on them. Louisville got the whole five games and that settied it. Boston won in a walk, Pittsburg
ilmpling in a good second.

Delmar Track Officials and Bookmakers Do Not Answer Citation. R. E. See, marshal of the Supreme Court,

called at the Courthouse yesterday and served Judge Zachritz with notice of the writ of prohibition issued against him the preceding day by Supreme Judge Gantt prohibiting any further proceeding by Judge Zachritz in the matter of restraining book-making and poolselling at the Delmar race

### BATTING AVERAGES CUT DOWN IN BOTH LEAGUES.

Heidrick of the St. Louis Team Still Leads in the National, While Lajoie Carries the Honors for the American-Cardinals Lead in Club Batting and in Long Hits, While Harper Heads the Pitchers' List.

Emmett Heidrick, the great slugger of the St. Louis team, is again the leading batsman of the National League, with percentage of .378, while his teammate, Jesse Burkett, follows with .373, Topsy Hartsel of Chicago ranks third, while Keeler and Sam Crawford are now fied for fourth. Twenty-six men are batting 300 or better, and the averages are steadily fall-

The club batting averages are much scaled down. St. Louis leads, Breoklyn sec and, while the tail-end position of New York is painfully apparent in the feeble batting of the ex-Giant team. Pittsburg leads in team fielding. St. Louis excels in long hits, Brooklyn second. Sam still the chief individual sh Chance the leading baserunner centuge basis. The pitching av Lunched up in close fashion, and Harper of St. Louis in the lead a Philippi second. The figures: Philippi second. The Batting Players. Heidrick, St. L. Hisrariael, St. L. Hurkett, St. L. Hurkett, St. L. Hartael, Chi Keeler, Prock. Crawford, Can. Delehants, Phill. Beckley, Ch. Dolehants, Phill. Beckley, Ch. Dolehants, Phill. Sheckard, Hrook Wagner, Pitts. Green, Chi. Filek, Phill. Van Haitren, N. Y. Patton, Bost. Davis, N. Y. Demont, Bost. Davis, N. Y. Demont, Brook. Wailner, St. L. Kelley, Brook. Wailner, St. L. Kelley, Brook. Heaumont, Pitts. Thomas, Phill. Nichols, Bost. Wolverton, Phill. Davis, Pitts. Brook. Clarke, Pitts. McGuire, Brook. Dobbs, Ch. Seibach, N. Y. McFarland, Phill. Bransfield, Pitts, McGrery, Brook. Orth, Phill. Hannifol, Bost. Charker, Chi. Hamilton, Bost. Charker, Chi. Harniton, Bost. Charker, Chi. Harniton, Bost. Charker, Chi. Harniton, Bost. Charker, Chi. Batting Averages

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Napoleon La Joie clings to his job as leads ing hatsman of the American League, but his percentage has shrunk sadly during the week, although still a hit over the .400 mark. The other American League sluggers have failen off heavily, Buck Freeman, next in order to La Joie, being 50 points behind the leader. Thirty-five men are batting .300 or better, showing a much larger percentage than in the National League. The Athletics lead in team batting, Baltimore second. La Jole is the chief long-range sing-ger, and McGraw leads the baserunners. Clark Griffith holds his place as star pitch-er, with Cy Young second. The figuress AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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KANSAS FOOTBALL ELEVEN.

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turn to Play Quarter Back This Year, May Captain the Team.

ROLLA NOFSINGER.

St. Louis Boy, Who Will Play Quarter Back for Kansas This Season.

While St. Louis boys are carrying off all and as there will be some good material of athletic honors in the Eastern col-very few local boys have as yet fine team will be put in the field. The last gained any renown in neighboring institutions, a fact that well illustrates the old
"prophet in his own land" proverb. But
this year the outlock shows that at least
one man probably will receive distinction
in the football line. This is Rolla Nofsinger, who will play quarter-back for the
University of Kansas eleven, and will in all
likelihood be selected to act as captain for
his team. Nofsinger, who resides at No.
426 McPherson avenue, played a star end
for the Kansas team in 1859, when that aggreenties went through the season without
a setant, though it stacked up against vil
the fast college elevens in the West. He
did not get in the game last season, being
simployed by the Government in New Mexice, but will re-enter the school this year
and try to surpass his former record. o surpass his former record, the craot half-back of last year's signed to play with the Kansas as, and though the Lawrence putting forth every effort to pertent preturn to captain the team, he bely remain with the doctors, and being the only other available andoubtedly lead his team on the

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and as there will be some good material with which to fill up the vacant places, a fina team will be put in the field. The last year's players who will be back are: Mechan and Morton, guards; Blockberger and Woriey, tackles; Jenkinson, helf; Smith, center, and Nofsinger, quarter; With this bunch to build upon, under guidance of Gutland, the old Pennsylvania star, who will coach the team this year in place of Tost, who has gone to Michigan, the Kansans will prove very troublesome rivaling for the Missouri Tigers in the Thanksgiving game at Kansas City.

The Bunflower State shool has rranged a very good schedule this year, and if it wins a majority of the games, as is the expectation, will rank well pa among the Western teams at the close of the season. Among the games already down on their propects, the Haskell Indians will also be a tough proposition, as they have been reenforced by the addition of three of last year? Carlisle Indian team, is suding the great Bain and his brother.

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CHAMPION JIM JEFFRIES, WHO IS TRAINING FOR HIS COMING MEETING WITH GUS RUHLIN, AT HARBIN SPRINGS, DOING THE COWBOY ACT

limping in a good second.

In 1980 Pittsburg had a fair chance during the last half of the season, but couldn't win quite enough games. The great spurt made on the last Eastern irp, when Clarke's men got away with thirteen games out of a possible seventeen and tled another, put them in the argument and brought tham down the line to fight it out

SUPREME COURT WRIT SERVED.

The officers of the Delmar Jockey Club and the bookmakers at the Delmar track, who were cited for contempt of court in not obeying Judge Zachrita's order restraining bookmaking and poolseling at the Delmar track, did not appear yesterday before Judge Zachritz. The matter will not be considered before October & on which date the writ of prohibition is made returnable.

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Chicago. VOLODYOVSKI BACKER IN LONDON. Everybody Tried to Got Maney on Whitney's Boroe Last Week. Leger, and the sudden reversals in the bet-ting odds have created more excitement than ever did Wall street rumors. Ever-turf follower, from the the cabman to the millicraire, has put nomething on the Amer-ican-owned horse. Three days ago Volby